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January 2009



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## THE PREZ SEZ

Happy New Year to each and everyone! And I hope your Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations were wonderful.

As these dates are upon us, we realize they signify the end of the year and the start of another. For myself, it also means the end of my tenure as your SCDXC President. At the January '09 general meeting, elections will be held for next year's board. We currently have a slate of officers to present to the attending membership. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate to be voted on is as follows: Tom Paquette, N6OX for President; Arnie Shatz, N6HC for vice-president; Steve Shane, W6NRQ for Secretary; A. Doc Holub, K6OGO for Treasurer; Mel Hughes, K6SY for Membership; and the two Directors are Don Minkoff, NK6A, and Wayne Spring, W6IRD. I will remain on the board as Past President.

I want to recognize this year's board and thank each of them for their support, and especially their guidance. As a whole, I believe we served you well. Tom, N6OX, gave us our monthly programs, purchased the raffle prizes, and made sure each of our club events was successful; Steve, W6NRQ, received and answered all correspondence, and documented each board meeting and email discussions. Steve did double-duty by also publishing our newsletter. No small task; Doc, K6OGO, received all the club's money, made deposits, and paid all bills as soon as he received them. Every household should be so financially attentive; Mel, K6SY, took on a monumental task of editing our membership list. Please continue to help him, as his task is not yet complete; Dave Bell, W6AQ, and Don, NK6A, were both invaluable as Directors. As you know, Dave also took on the job as Editor of the newsletter to provide help to Steve and provide more DX articles; Jeff Wolf, K6JW, completed his term as past president. Thank you, gentlemen, for making me look good while we kept our club fun and alive while we all wait for DX to reign again on the West Coast.

There is one person whom we all owe a special thanks. That person is Sharon Paquette. She enhanced every meeting with an array of sweets and soft drinks to be enjoyed at break-time. Everyone enjoyed visiting and sharing DX while sampling her desserts. She did this to make us all happy - and, boy, was she successful.

Now It is time for me to finish my last "The Prez Sez" article. It sounds so ordinary and expected to say how much I have enjoyed serving as President of our elite DX club. But, the fact is that I have relished every day. It was truly an honor to hold this position in our year as host of the annual Visalia convention. Thank you all for your support.

In my last chance to highlight my DX accomplishments, I am excited to inform you that I finally worked India, Zone 22. This zone was the last one I needed for WAZ. Thanks to Julio, AD6DK, who called me from Nevada, I now have it. HOORAY!!

**DON'T FORGET!!!** Annual dues are now due and payable. You **MUST** have paid them by January 31 to be included in the roster **AND** receive your newsletter. This will be enforced this year to keep our records straight. Also, please fill out the form to submit with your dues. You can print this form from our website, [SCDXC.ORG](http://SCDXC.ORG). It is also attached in this newsletter. This is the help Mel, K6SY needs that I mentioned earlier.

I look forward to seeing you at the January '09 meeting.

88's Sharon Spring, K6IRD, President



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any DX!!!**

## FROM THE VEEP



Hi Folks...I want to thank everyone who attended the Holiday Party at Orange Hill. It turned out to be a nice day, good food and a successful get together with fellow DX er's

We however were missing some people from different areas and are thinking maybe it is time to move the Holiday Party to another location for next year? If you have any ideas - please pass them on to any Board Member or me. We would appreciate any input you have. Valley area maybe? Or Los Angeles? Give us your thoughts please.

I want to congratulate the Big winner of our main prize - the Pal Star Tuner. This was won by Charles Spetnagel - W6KK.

Also I want to congratulate the winner of the Vibroplex Blue Racer, Bill Erickson - N6MXU donated by "The DX Store" and James Shryne - N6DHZ

As for me... I was never so happy to "**not**" win the big raffle prize. The waitress drew the ticket and without thinking I said I would put it in my back pocket! Hi... Hi... Lesson learned...

It was great to see people we don't often see or get the chance to talk with. We had a great turn out by the XYL's. Lady's first prize went to Beckie Kendrick - Wife of Bill Kendrick - N6RV. Second prize went to my wife - Sharon Paquette - KF6WQU.

My thanks go out to all of you for making this a great year! Happy Holidays to all...see you next year!

Tom Paquette - N6OT  
V.P. - SCDXC





## **My 37 Dollars Worth**

An editorial by Dave Bell, W6AQ

There were 70 people at the SCDXC Holiday Party at the Orange Hill Restaurant in Orange on December 7<sup>th</sup>. I saw people there I hadn't seen since the last holiday party. I actually was on my way from Leucadia to Disney Hall, because I have season tickets for the LA Phil for the first time ever, and Gustavo Dudamel, the wonderful conductor from Venezuela was conducting and I'd never seen him. My Disney tickets were for the matinee at 2 PM which meant my time at the holiday bash would be brief. (Incidentally, if you've never been to Disney Hall or never seen Dudamel or both, I urge you to go out of your way to do so. The whole experience is exhilarating, and I'm not even a classical music fan particularly.)

Anyway, this editorial is about obligation. Seventy people at the Holiday Party means there were about 50 club members, plus wives and guests. Fifty club members. For the holiday party. For 37 bucks. Hardly a pileup is all I've got to say.

My father told me that if you join an organization of any kind, you have an obligation to participate – to support that organization. He was right. You know it and I know it. If you join a club with the kind of storied past and stellar reputation worldwide that the SCDXC has, you need to go out of your way to participate and you need to do your part to polish the image.

Two months ago I wrote an editorial about no one volunteering to be VP.

Last month I wrote an editorial saying my Veep editorial had produced no results therefore the December editorial was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Two people volunteered to be Veep.

This month is about obligation. You have an obligation to go to meetings, picnics, the International DX Convention better known as "Visalia," and the holiday party.

I don't even know who won the Palstar AT-Auto KW antenna tuner because I could only stay at the Holiday Party for an hour. But I saw a lot of people I knew, a few I didn't, and had a helluva good time. And I ate. And drank the free champagne, which for free champagne, was damn good.

The point is, I participated. Did you?

## EDITORIAL, by outgoing Editor, Dave Bell, W6AQ

**Conversation:** ARRL Southwestern Division e-Communicator

I'm sure you all saw this. In my view, this is a much larger issue and more worthy of a donation than any upcoming DXpedition, however rare. If Palmdale and San Diego get away with their Hitlerian restrictions, LA, Ventura, Orange and Santa Barbara counties will not be far behind. I think the DX club ought to make a major donation (given our not great treasury at this point) and individual members should be encouraged to contribute too.

The following Southwestern Division e-Communicator you have probably seen. If you didn't see it, that means you're not a member of ARRL. The e-Communicator points out one of the many things the ARRL is doing for you, member or not. There are shirkers and slackers and freeloaders everywhere. I personally hope there are none in the SCDXC. 73, Dave

### REPRINTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ARRL Antenna Defense Fund Contributes \$5,000 toward WB6X Lawsuit

The ARRL's Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee has voted to contribute \$5,000 toward the costs of a lawsuit against the City of Palmdale in the Antelope Valley of Los Angeles County. The suit was filed by ARRL Volunteer Counsel Len Shaffer, WA6QHD, on behalf of Alec Zubarau, WB6X, who was forced by the City to remove an antenna tower erected under a valid building permit. The permit revocation followed complaints of radio frequency interference by some of Alec's neighbors. Those complaints were never substantiated and, in any case, are a matter of federal preemption and not within the jurisdiction of the city.

Over \$1,500 has already been contributed by clubs and their members X-Hotmail-From: from throughout the Southwestern Division, and this contribution from the League-managed Antenna Defense Fund will further help defray the expenses of preparing for the February, 2009 court date. Len Shaffer is performing the legal work pro bono, but even just compiling the record to present in court can be costly. ARRL Defense Committee Chair Jay Bellows, KØQB noted that, although the case has not yet reached the appellate level, the egregious nature of Palmdale's actions, including ordering removal of a previously approved antenna tower, the potential impact on a large number of amateurs and the existence of substantial Local financial support from the ham community were significant factors in the Committee's decision to provide support for this case.



Any individual or organization wishing to help support this legal challenge may send their contributions to the trust account. Make checks payable to: Leonard J. Shaffer, Esq. and include "WB6X Defense Fund" on the memo line. Mail to: P.O. Box 570936, Tarzana, CA 91357

Meanwhile, the City of San Diego has also proposed a modification of its antenna zoning rules. Up to now, ham antennas have not been subject to the height restrictions applicable to buildings and other structures. Under the modification, however, those restrictions will apply unless the amateur obtains a time-consuming and cost-prohibitive Process Three Site Development Permit-- the City's most onerous procedure, which requires site plans, engineering studies, public hearings, and perhaps hiring a land use attorney, even after which he or she may be denied the request for a height increase.

General Counsel Chris Imley is preparing a League response to the City. Concerned hams who wish to help can contact SM Steve Early, at [AD6VI@arrl.org](mailto:AD6VI@arrl.org).

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT



73 DE K6AV Jerry

LOCATION

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## Smiles from Arnie N6HC

During a recent trip my wife and I were on we drove around the back woods of East Texas. On one back road I saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty style house: "Talking Dog for Sale." Well I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went into the backyard and see a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" I asked. "Yep," the Lab replies.

Well after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked "So, what's your story?"

"Ah shucks there ain't much to tell. Is that a VUU screwdriver antenna on your truck out there?" "How did you know that," I asked?

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I'm a ham radio operator. I got my Ticket when I was a young pup and in no time at all I had my 5 band DXCC in Phone and CW. The CIA heard about me and asked me to do some spy work for them. I would hang around the communications centers and with my keen hearing I could copy the transmissions. Because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping, I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years." Copying high speed CW all day really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the CIA (8 dog years is 56 CIA years) and joined a ham radio club. In fact I won first place in the Oklahoma QSO Party two years in a row. Then I had a mess of puppies and got away from Ham Radio for a while. I sure miss my radio. Why don't you buy me and I'll be your CW operator in the Texas QSO Party.

I said "let me see what I can do."

I went back in and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff. He's just a

**"No Code Technician."**

**Mel - K6SY, SCDXC Membership**  
**By-Laws of the Southern California DX Club**  
**Article A**

**Section 2.** Dues shall be assessed annually and are due on December 31st.

**Section 7.** Any member delinquent in dues after January 31 of the current year shall be notified. If the dues are not paid within thirty (30) days after notification, membership will be terminated.

An application form is attached for your convenience. Just open it, fill it out, e- mail or print it and please mail to Mel ASAP.     [k6sy@scdxc.org](mailto:k6sy@scdxc.org)

**Mail checks to:**

**Mel Hughes, K6SY, 28017 San Nicolas Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**

**ARRL/FCC**

FCC Requests Ham's Technical Aid in Education on DTV.

We have received a request by the FCC for members of the ARRL to provide technical educational assistance to their communities during January and February in accomplishing the digital TV conversion. Clubs are being asked to develop and implement plans to provide information about the DTV conversion in their areas in ways they think best fits their community. Each community is a little different, so your plans may vary. Let your CLUB PRESIDENT know if your interested.

## SOMETHING NEW

Dear colleagues radio amateurs!

I am addressing you as a member of managing committee of Radio Club Slovenj Gradec – S59DCD and elected contest manager. I would like to introduce to you our project and provide some promotional material and kindly ask for your help in promotion.

Our project is a brand new World Wide HF contest. We dedicated it to a noble idea of PEACE MESSENGER CITY association, which was founded within organization of United Nations. We named our project ***World Wide Peace Messenger City Contest – WWPMC.***

We would like to kindly ask you for help in spreading the news about our new contest among radio amateurs in your district and your country by publishing this article in any possible way (printed publications, web sites, internet forums, discussion groups, mailing lists etc.) We hope we will meet amid a large concourse of testers.

We are looking forward to meet you and your fellows' radio amateurs in WWPMC contest.

Reply to this mail is not necessary, but it would be appreciated.

With best regards from Radio club Slovenj Gradec – S59DCD!

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## CLUB SCORES

*THE MOTHER LODGE GUYS DO IT*

*I BETCHA WE COULD DO IT.*

### CQWWCW Score Summary Sheet

Name : Rick Samoian W6SR

Start Date : 2008-11-29

Time 17.4 Hrs      CallSign Used : W6SR

Operator(s) : W6SR

Operator Category : SINGLE-OP-  
ASSISTED

Band : ALL      Power : HIGH  
Mode : CW      Default Exchange : 3  
Grid square : CM98

Club/Team : Mother Lode DX & Contest  
Club

Software : N1MM Logger V8.10.6

Band	QSOs	Pts	Cty	ZN
1.8	22	49	10	11
3.5	36	88	25	16
7	128	353	70	26
14	271	740	90	32
21	79	214	40	20
Total	536	1444	235	105

Score : 490,960

### ARRL10M Score Summary Sheet

Start Date : 2008-12-12

CallSign Used : W6SR

Operator(s) : W6SR

Operator Category : MULTI-OP  
(SINGLE-ASSISTED)

Band : Power : HIGH    Mode : MIXED  
Default Exchange : CA  
Gridsquare : CM98

Name : Rick Samoian, W6SR  
ARRL Section : SV

Club/Team : Mother Lode DX and Con-  
test Club

Software : N1MM Logger V8.11.3

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts	Cty
28	CW	45	180	10
28	USB	126	252	23

Total Both 171 432 33

Score : 14,256

Rig : IC-756 PRO III + 1500w POWER  
AMP.

Antennas : 10 ELEMENT DX ENGI-  
NEERING LOG AT 55' & C3E AT 75'

Soapbox : CONDITIONS SUCKED, I  
PUT-IN 7 HOURS, THAT'S ALL I COULD  
TAKE.

# ARRL CONTESTING 2009

January	1	Straight Key Night
	3 - 4	ARRL RTTY Round-Up
	3	Kids Day
	17 - 19	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
February	21 - 22	ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
March	7 - 8	ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)
June	13 - 14	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
	20	Kids Day
	27 - 28	ARRL Field Day
July	11 - 12	IARU HF World Championships
August	1 - 2	ARRL UHF Contest
	15 - 16	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
September	12 - 13	ARRL September VHF QSO Party
	19 - 20	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
November	7 - 8	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
	21 - 22	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
December	4 - 6	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
	12 - 13	ARRL 10 Meter Contest



# ANNUAL CQ CONTEST CALENDAR 2009

CQ DX Marathon	Jan - Dec	Full Year
CQWW 160 Meter / CW	Jan	Last full weekend
CQWW RTTY WPX	Feb	2nd full weekend
CQWW 160 Meter / SSB	Feb	Last full weekend
CQWW WPX / SSB	Mar	Last full weekend
CQ National Foxhunting Weekend	May	2nd or 3rd full weekend
CQWW WPX / CW	May	Last full weekend
CQWW VHF	July	3rd full weekend
CQWW RTTY DX	Sept	4th full weekend
CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full weekend
CQWW DX / CW	Nov	Last full weekend

## NEW CALL SIGN (Yes New)

Tuck Miller has changed his call sign:

New Call sign NF9T

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